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- (a) The local health officers of two or more counties may join together as a region to apply for a Local Public Health Tobacco Grant.
- (b) The amount of the Local Public Health Tobacco Grant that is distributed to a region under subsection (a) of this section shall be equal to the sum of the Local Public Health Tobacco Grants that otherwise would have been distributed to each county under § 13–1007 of this subtitle.
- (c) If the local health officers of two or more counties join together as a region to apply for a Local Public Health Tobacco Grant, the local health officers shall act jointly to:
- (1) Develop a Comprehensive Plan for Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation, as required under § 13–1008 of this subtitle;
- (2) Establish a Community Health Coalition, as required under § 13–1008 of this subtitle, or identify another coalition approved by the Department;
- (3) Demonstrate that the base–year funding requirement of  $\S 13-1011$  of this subtitle has been met; and
- (4) Otherwise satisfy the requirements of §§ 13–1006 through 13–1012 of this subtitle.

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